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SUBJECT: IRAQI SECURITY PERSONNEL

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1. WE DO NOT FEEL WE CAN REASONABLY OBSTRUCT THE ASSIGN-
MENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL TO IRAQI DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN
THE US IF THE IRAQIS WISH TO DO SO. HOWEVER SUCH ASSIGN-
MENT INVOLVES COMPLICATIONS WHICH MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED
PRIOR TO VISA ISSUANCE.

2. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE THE COOPERATION OF BOTH THE
MOFA AND IRAQINT IF WE ARE TO ACCEPT SECURITY PERSONNEL. WE
SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE BEST TO WORK PERSONALLY WITH THE
MOFA ON THIS IN ADDITION TO THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE PROCESS.
WE PLAN TO CALL IN KHATEEB TO FORMALLY APPRISE HIM OF THE PER-
TINENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS OUTLINED BELOW, AND OBTAIN FROM
HIM A DEFINITE COMMITMENT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPERA-
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TIONS OF THE GROUP. YOU SHOULD MAKE A SIMILAR PRESENTATION
TO APPROPRIATE MOFA PERSONNEL TO ADVISE THEM FORMALLY OF
OF THE EXISTING REGULATIONS AND THE REQUIREMENTS TO WHICH
WE EXPECT THEM TO ADHERE, AS OUTLINED IN PARAS THREE, FOUR,
FIVE, AND SIX BELOW.

2. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE GROUP'S

INTENDED FUNCTIONS IF WE ARE TO ISSUE THE VISAS. IN ADDITION TO THE NAMES AND OTHER DATA ON THE INDIVIDUAL S, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THEY WILL BE WORKING AS BODY GUARDS AND/OR AS BUILDING GUARDS; IF THEY PLAN TO BE ARMED AND IF SO, ONLY ON THE PREMISES OR AT ALL TIMES; AND IE AND HOW THEY PLAN TO BRING THEIR WEAPONS INTO THE US.

3. D.C. LAW PROHIBITS ANYONE OTHER THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM BEARING A WEAPON IN THE DISTRICT. A WEAPON MAY BE MAINTAINED AT A RESIDENCE, TRANSPORTED UNLOADED TO THE PLACE OF BUSINESS, AND MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES IF NOT MAINTAINED IN A CONCEALED FASHION. VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND LICENSE PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND AMERICAN CITIZENS TO BEAR WEAPONS. IN NEW YORK CITY, A SPECIAL PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE POLICE TO BEAR A WEAPON.

4. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FOREGOING, PERMANENTLY ARMED IRAQI SECURITY AGENTS WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW. MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS AT THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDES LEGAL SCRUTINY BY VIRTUE OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY. LIKEWISE, DIPLOMATS WOULD BE PROTECTED BY THEIR DIPLOMATIC STATUS. THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES ALL WASHINGTON-BASED DIPLOMATS WHO FEEL IT NECESSARY TO BE ARMED THAT THEY SHOULD FORMALLY ADVISE LOCAL POLICE OF THEIR POSSESSION OF THE WEAPON, INCLUDING NAME, ADDRESS, MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES IN THE EVENT OF UNCONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHORIZED USE OF THE WEAPON. DIPLOMATS RESIDENT IN NYC CANNOT AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE SAME PROTECTION, AS NYC REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THEIR MAINTAINING THE WEAPON WITHOUT THE SPECIAL PERMIT NOTED ABOVE.

5. IF FOREIGN SECURITY AGENTS INTEND TO TRAVEL IN AN ARMED STATUS IN THE US, THEY MUST ADVISE SY, WHICH WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH FAA, AIRLINES, AND THE POLICE IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE AGENT WILL TRAVEL.

6. IF THE GOI INTENDS TO ASSIGN ARMED SECURITY AGENTS TO THEIR US MISSIONS, WE WOULD INSIST ON THE FOLLOWING:

--THAT THEY REGISTER THEIR WEAPONS WITH WASHINGTON AREA POLICE AS NOTED IN PARA 4 AND THAT UN MISSION PERSONNEL OBTAIN NYC PERMIT;

--THAT THEY RECEIVE THE CUSTOMARY BRIEFING FROM SY ON THEIR OPERATIONS;

--THAT THEY NOTIFY SY OF ANY INTENDED TRAVEL IN THE US; AND

--THAT THEY ALL BE DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED AND DOCUMENTED,
IN ORDER TO AFFORD THEMSELVES THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY. -

7. IF THEY PLAN TO TRANSPORT WEAPONS TO THE US, SY ADVISES
THAT WEAPONS SHOULD BE SHIPPED IN VIA POUCH, WHICH AGENTS
MAY BRING WITH THEM IF SUPPORTED BY CUSTOMARY COURIER
LETTER.

8. WE HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INCREASED
PROTECTION OF IRAQI DIPLOMATS IN THE US. IN WASHINGTON,
A USSS UNIFORMED GUARD HAS BEEN STATION AT THE ENTRANCE TO
IRAQINT. ADDITIONALLY, USSS PROWL CARS PROVIDE REGULAR
SURVEILLANCE TO BUILDING PREMISES. LOCAL POLICE HAVE BEEN
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REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SURVEILLANCE FOR THE RESI-
DENCES OF KHATEEB, THE FIRST SECRETARY, AND THE THREE SECOND
SECRETARIES. IN NEW YORK, THE IRAQIS HAVE HAD A NYPD
GUARD STATIONED AT THEIR BUILDING ENTRANCE FOR MORE THAN A
YEAR. TO GIVE HIM ADDED VISIBILITY, HE IS NOW POSITIONED
IN A PATROL CAR. ADDITIONALLY, SECTOR CAR AND POLICE
CONSULAR CAR MAKE FREQUENT PATROLS TO THE MISSION. NYPD HAS
ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO
THE RESIDENCES OF THE AMBASSADOR, THE COUNSELOR, AND ALL THE
FIRST AND SECOND SECRETARIES. CHRISTOPHER

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